

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (original) A recording device comprising a loading means arranged to load a single recording medium and comprising loading means status determining means for determining a loading means status,

characterized in that the loading means status determining means are operative to detect a loading means status representing a loading means operation of loading the recording medium

2. (original) A recording device comprising a loading means arranged to load a single recording medium and comprising loading means status determining means for determining a loading means status,

characterized in that the loading means status determining means are operative to detect a loading means status representing a loading means operation of unloading the recording medium

3. (original) A recording device comprising a loading means arranged to load a single recording medium and comprising loading means status determining means for determining a loading means status,

characterized in that the loading means status determining means

are operative to detect loading means status representing a blocked loading means.

4. (currently amended) A recording device as claimed in claim 1 ~~or 2~~,
characterized in that the loading means status comprises a progress indicator.

5. (currently amended) A recording device as claimed in claim 4 ~~when depending on claim 1~~,
characterized in that the progress indicator indicates a time duration until the loading means loading operation is complete

6. (currently amended) A recording device as claimed in claim 1 ~~4 or 5~~,
characterized in that the recording device is operative to start a recording operation when a loading means status representing the loading means operation of loading the recording medium is detected

7. (original) A recording device as claimed in claim 6,
characterized in that the recording device is operative to start a recording operation when the progress indicator associated with the loading means status representing the loading means operation of loading the recording medium reaches a predetermined value

8. (original) A recording device as claimed in claim 7, characterized in that the recording device further comprises a buffer with a buffer size and that the predetermined value of the progress indicator is determined by the buffer size.

9. (currently amended) A recording device as claimed in claim 1 ~~to 8~~, characterized in that the recording device is a recording device for recording real time information.

10. (original) A recording device as claimed in claim 4, characterized in that the recording device is operative to abort a recording operation when the loading means status representing the blocked loading means is detected.

11. (original) A recording device as claimed in claim 10, characterized in that the recording device is operative to issue a warning on a display device.

12. (currently amended) A recording device as claimed in claim 1, ~~2 or 3~~ characterized in that the loading means status determining means comprises loading means status reporting means accessible via an

external interface of the recording device.

13. (original) A recording device as claimed in claim 12 characterized in that the loading means status reposting means is operative to report a loading means status in a mechanism status header.

14. (original) A recording device as claimed in claim 13 characterized in that the loading means status reposting means is operative to report a loading means status in a changer state field in the mechanism status header.

15. (original) A recording device as claimed in claim 14 characterized in that the loading means status reposting means is operative to report a loading means status of 100b when the loading means is loading the recording medium, a loading means status of 101b when the loading means is unloading the recording medium, a loading means status of 110b when the loading means is blocked.

16. (original) A method for recording information on a recording medium comprising the steps of inserting the recording medium in a loading means, operating the loading means and starting a recording operation,
characterized in that starting the recording operation coincides

with operating the loading means.

17. (original) A method for recording information on a recording medium as claimed in claim 16, characterized in that a status of the loading means is determined before starting the recording.

18. (original) A method for recording information on a recording medium as claimed in claim 17, characterized in that the status comprises a progress indicator with a value, and that a predetermined value of the progress indicator must be reached before starting the recording.

19. (original) A method for recording information on a recording medium as claimed in claim 18, characterized in that the progress indicator indicates a time duration until the operating of the loading means is complete

20. (original) A method for recording information on a recording medium as claimed in claim 19, characterized in that before being recorded the information is stored in a buffer with a buffer size and that the predetermined value of the progress indication is determined by the buffer size.

21. (original) A method for recording information on a recording medium as claimed in claim 16, characterized in that the recording operation is aborted when the loading means status representing a blocked loading means is detected.